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Save the Boys!

TO THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN:

It is said women always assert themselves in a most positive manner and in the next moment are sorry for being so hasty. I am one of the positive class.

When the Young Men's Christian Association was first started in our town, I said:

"I think this is an unequalled opportunity." (I was simply echoing some other of our town's women's thoughts) "there are young people's societies in all our churches and this constant demand on our time and money is unnecessary." Then came the voice of one who is supreme in authority: "Are you sure your assertion is right?" You certainly are mistaken. You do not know the young men of Bloomfield. Very many of them you could not induce to enter any of the church societies, and they certainly need all the good influence that this town can bestow, to make them good citizens."

I thought silently over this subject.

Then it recurred to me that "if the face is the index of the mind" some of our young men, who hover around the Post Office at mail time, need a new stimulus in life to wash out the viciousness that is depicted on their countenances. Then another thought presented itself. A friend sometime ago said she hated to have her little boys play around "the green" because they learned such bad language from the older boys—from sons who belong to our most respected citizens. One will sometimes see our very young lads swaggering along with cigarettes in their mouths as if they had reached the acme of manhood.

A number of winters ago, a scabbie was held in a house in Glen Ridge. It was a bitter cold night, and one of the young men knew he would be very thirsty, and would need something stronger than coffee before the evening had passed, so he provided himself with a flask to keep himself warm, and was generous enough to treat some of his friends. This certainly was a great insult to his host, as well as to the society he was in.

After this panorama of events passed before my mind, do you wonder that I gladly took back my assertion, and then decided to do all I could to promote the cause of the Young Men's Christian Association? If it were in my power, I would willingly take a thousand dollar share in stock for a new building, feeling assured that good interest would be paid, even if only a little actual money was returned. One should remember the words of Christ: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through for steel."

BLOOMFIELD BRIEF LOCALS.

—The Young Men's Union of the Catholic Church gave a successful amateur dramatic performance in the State Street Hall Tuesday evening.

—The Pierson Post, G. A. R., gave a masquerade ball in Raab's Hall Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance, many representatives from the Montclair, Caldwell and Newark Posts being present.

—Some loud complaints are being made by the driving public concerning the "stone road" that was laid in Upper Broad street last summer. Some explanation will probably be called for at the town meeting next Monday night.

—The illustration of Tennyson's poem Dura, by pantomime, which was given in the parlors of the First Presbyterian Church on Monday evening under the auspices of the Young People's Association, attracted a company that filled the parlors. The presentation was very well done, each of the six characters sustaining their parts admirably.

—The annual meeting at which the Township Committee render their report, year ending March 1st, is called for Monday evening next, at Podd's Hall. It is customary at this meeting to discuss township matters, expenditures, etc., for the coming year, and to recommend appropriations to be voted at the Township election. The meeting is an important one and ought to be well attended.

—Mrs. Mary A. Hallock, wife of Mr. George A. Hallock and daughter of Mr. Robert W. Gardner, of this town, died after a very short illness on Wednesday of this week. The funeral took place at Mr. Gardner's residence yesterday afternoon.

—The marriage of Miss Anna Dougherty to William Van Court, of New York, at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. C. W. Powers, at Glen Ridge, Tuesday even-

tors had satisfied the inner man and cigars had been passed, Citizen G. W. Lord, of Brooklyn, on behalf of the Executive Department presented Citizen Walter H. A. Maynard, of this Council, with his commission as Territorial Secretary of New Jersey. Citizen Maynard, although taken by surprise, responded in a neat and humorous speech. Gov. Robert C. Livingston, of New York State complimented the Council and landlord Courter on the magnificent dinner provided. President Charles A. Clark then called upon the following Citizens who made happy responses: John W. White, Jr., of New York; W. B. Davis of Brooklyn; Thos. B. Baxter; T. P. Gilbert, Chas. Schiene, Jasper, Perez, Amaz. Dorcus; J. M. Unangst, Chas. Hamm, Frank Gahs, Chas. Keyler and others of Bloomfield. Phil Kearny Council is growing rapidly, and bids fair to become one of the liveliest societies in Bloomfield.

—On Tuesday night Frederick Post was arrested in a saloon on Gleewood avenue as the alleged assailant of Officer George M. Cadmus, who on Saturday last tried to stop a fight, and was felled to the ground by one of the combatants. Officers Foster and Smith, who made the arrest, took Post to the office of Justice Hall, where a charge of assaulting an officer was made against him. He was remanded to the County Jail at Newark to await the action of the next Grand Jury.

—Eureka Lodge, No. 46, Knights of Pythias, last Tuesday evening conferred the Rank of Page upon one candidate. There will be no session on Tuesday March 1st, as the Lodge will in a body attend a District Meeting, which has been called by the District Deputy in La Mancha Lodge room, 776 Broad St., Newark. On the 8th inst. Eureka Lodge will confer the Esquire's Rank upon two pages.

—The regular communication of Bloomfield Lodge, No. 40, F. and A. M., will be held at Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening next.

W. C. T. U.

On Sunday afternoon, March 6th, the ladies of the W. C. T. U. expect to have Mrs. J. K. Barney, National Superintendent of prison, jail, police and almshouse work, to speak for them on evangelistic work among criminals.

Miss Frances E. Willard says that during their three days' convention at Washington, D. C., in January, "Mrs. Barney charmed everybody." Dr. Naylor of Foun-

dry Church declared, "If I could talk like that, madam, I would talk all the time!" Never had the "defective, delinquent and dependent classes" a more winsome friend at court."

It is hoped that very many will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear of this grand woman's work. This meeting will take the place of the usually held by the Reform Club at four o'clock in the Baptist church.

Our Noisy Holidays.

TO THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN:

I beg to put on record to-day (Feb. 22, 1887) my profound conviction that we allow in Bloomfield far too great a liberty in holiday noises. I venture to suggest that some attention be given to this matter in a kindly spirit by our Town Committee, and that hereafter the New Year, Washington's Birthday, Decoration Day, and the Fourth of July be "hedged about."

If Charity and Conservatism can shake hands nothing more will need to be done. SAMUEL W. DUFFIELD.

Mr. Hepburn's Way.

Mr. Henry Hepburn, who lives in the northern part of Brookdale, had a barn struck by lightning last Friday night. It was a large building, built last summer, and contained about fifty tons of hay. The barn and contents were insured. The volunteer bucket brigade were on hand and did good service in saving surrounding property. After the fire was under control the men were all invited to the house, where a good supper awaited them, and as Mr. Hepburn is a strong temperance man he treated them to as much coffee and milk as they wanted "free, gratis."

Caldwell.

A brilliant wedding took place Tuesday evening at the residence of Thomas C. Provost, on Bloomfield avenue, Caldwell, the contracting parties being Henry Ahlborn, of the Bronze Powder Company, of Verona, and Miss Clara Backus, a sister of E. P. Backus, the well-known lumber dealer of Newark. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. T. Berry, of the Caldwell Presbyterian Church. After partaking of a collation the couple left on a wedding trip to Washington. The presents were numerous. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Ahlborn will make Verona their home. Many people from Newark and New York were present at the wedding.

Orange.

Two sons of F. W. Baldwin, aged eleven and thirteen years, were walking along Walker road; at O'Rourke's quarry, West Orange, Tuesday afternoon when they were met by three boys, one large and two about the same size as themselves. The larger boy stopped them and rifled their pockets. The names of the young highwaymen were ascertained and an example will be made of them.

It is feared that the kirmess given in Music Hall last week will result in a deficiency. The receipts were very large, but the expenses were extraordinarily heavy.

Work upon the lawn tennis building of the Orange Athletic Club, at Brick Church, is now progressing rapidly. The frame is up and will shortly be enclosed.

At the meeting of the Orange Board of Education on Monday night the proceedings were made interesting by charges against Thomas English, the janitor of the High School. The subject brought up was that on several occasions the school had not been properly heated. Commissioner Smith said he had visited the High School building several times, and when the janitor was not there he found a ten-year-old boy in charge. At one time the janitor was absent two days, and upon the shoulders of the small boy rested the grave responsibility of looking after the safety of the great boiler and building. Commissioner Smith said further that the janitor had been suspended temporarily and another man put in his place.

Newark.

The survivors of the 26th New Jersey celebrated Washington's birthday by a

Bloomfield Lodge Notes.

—Phil. Kearny Council, No. 35, National Provident Union, met on Monday evening last, in their Council Chamber on Glenwood Ave., with a large attendance, among whom were many visitors from New York and Brooklyn. After initiating four candidates, the routine business was dispensed with, and the Council adjourned to the parlors of the American House, where an enjoyable time was had. Later in the evening, Citizen J. M. Umangst, led the way to the banquet rooms, and presented on behalf of the defeated membership Team off the Council, an elaborate dinner, which had been prepared by landlord Wm. B. Courier. After the members and visi-

tors had satisfied the inner man and cigars had been passed, Citizen G. W. Lord, of Brooklyn, on behalf of the Executive Department presented Citizen Walter H. A. Maynard, of this Council, with his commission as Territorial Secretary of New Jersey. Citizen Maynard, although taken by surprise, responded in a neat and humorous speech. Gov. Robert C. Livingston, of New York State complimented the Council and landlord Courier on the magnificent dinner provided. President Charles A. Clark then called upon the following Citizens who made happy responses: John W. White, Jr., of New York; W. B. Davis of Brooklyn; Thos. B. Baxter; T. P. Gilbert, Chas. Schiene, Jasper, Perez, Amaz. Dorcus; J. M. Umangst, Chas. Hamm, Frank Gahs, Chas. Keyler and others of Bloomfield. Phil Kearny Council is growing rapidly, and bids fair to become one of the liveliest societies in Bloomfield.

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